Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: May I know, Sir, what was the maximum expenditure which was sanctioned by the Government for this work?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: I have no information just now. I want notice.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur)*: May I know, Sir, whether the Government have any idea of completing this excavation?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: Not now. Anyhow, there is no proposal at present.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura)*: Has anything of archæological interest been found there?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: Some images were found.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: Are they of Hindu Gods or Christian Gods?

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ: ഒരു കെട്ടിടത്തിന്റെ ഫൊണ്ടേഷൻ കണ്ടിട്ടില്ല?

Mr. President: It is intended to start the excavation, after the rainy season is over.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: Will the Government be pleased to state whether any rough estimate of the work proposed to be done by the Archæologist was submitted to the Government?

Mr. President: The very nature of the work itself is not a thing for estimate.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: May I know, Sir, whether any control or supervision over the work of those who were responsible for the work of excavation was made by any officer of the Government other than the Archaeologist?

Mr. President: If the Government Archaeologist cannot be trusted to be in charge of a work costing Rs. 178, then the Government must have a set of supervising officers to look after every item of expenditure incurred by the heads of departments, which it will be impossible for the Government to do.

T. A. —GOVERNMENT ARCHAEOLOGIST

110. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the total amount claimed by the Government Archaeologist as Travelling allowance in the first 10 months of 1115;

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly

(*b*) the amount allowed and paid ?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Rs. 207—5—0.

(*b*) Rs. 207—5—0.

WELLS—SINKING OF—REQUEST BY CHITTUR MUNICIPALITY

111. Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) was there a request from the Chittur Municipal Council for permission to sink two wells this year; one for the use of the weavers of Kunnathupalayam and the other for the use of the Kaniya Panickars;

(*b*) was the request turned down;

(*c*) if so, on what grounds?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes. The proposal was to sink two wells, one in Kunnathupalayam and the other in Vellanthara.

(*b*) The proposal was not sanctioned.

(*c*) The wells in question were not sanctioned items of works for execution in 1115. Usually unforeseen works will be sanctioned only in cases of extreme urgency and importance. Government were of opinion that the sinking of the wells could wait especially in view of the fact that scarcity of water will not be felt as the monsoon had already set in at the time the proposal was submitted. The proposal was therefore not approved.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Has provision been made for the sinking of these two wells in the budget for 1116?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I do not think the Municipality has made any provision for it.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* So, are these poor people to go without water for no fault of theirs?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* The responsibility rests with the Municipality. They could have made proposals in time.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* If the Municipality again approaches the Government with such a request, will the Government kindly sanction the request in view of the fact that no provision is made for this in 1116?

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly